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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Part B for April 44

SUBJECT

Reducing the Scale of rations to prisoners

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To.

The Sg. G.P in Mysore.
D.C's of districts.
Comptroller to Govt. Blore
Sr. F's

No. F. 6290-08/ pris. 51-43-2 dt 15.4.43

prescribes revised rations

Extracts from File No.C.75 of 43. - Reducing the scale of food ration for prisoners

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E.2. P.R.315/43-44 of 10-3-1944.

Returned, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (Supplies), Bangalore.

It is seen from letter No.913-3 dated 17th November 1943 of the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, that the prisoners as well as detenues are getting rations which are higher than those allowed to civil population in the rationed areas such as Bangalore The quantity of rice allowed to 'A' class population in the cities is only 1 pavu (0.6 lb) per adult, per day and the quantity of rations allowed to 'B' class; i.e., working class population is 1½ pavu or 0.9 lb. As compared with this, the prisoners in jail are given 1.5 pounds or 5/8 srs. of rice or ragi or both and in addition to this, in the case of prisoners in Central Jail, an extra ration of 4 ounces or 0.25 pounds are given per day. Thus, in all, a convict in the Central Jail, Bangalore, get 1.75 lb. per day as compared with 0.6 lb that an 'A' Class citizen gets or 0.9 lb. that a 'B' class card holder gets. In the case of detenues also the quantity of rice allowed is 1.2 pounds or 1/2 seer per day. I therefore feel that there is considerable scope for reducing the rations allowed to prisoners as well as detenues without perhaps in any way affecting their health.

The Inspector General of Prisons in his letter has suggested that the additional ration of 4 ounces per day that has temporarily been given to the convicts in the Central Jail may be discontinued and that rice rations allowed to detenues may be reduced from 1/2 a seer to 1½ pavu per day. He also estimates the savings in terms of money that will result as a result of this reduction. It may however, be stated that the savings in terms of money is not the consideration in this regard, but the savings in the foodgrains consumed is the more important point to be considered under the present difficult food supply situation. I am of the opinion that the rations to the prisoners, as well as the detenues in jail may

may be fixed at the same quantity as is allowed to the working classes in rationed areas, namely, 1½ pavu or 0.9 pounds per day. If, however, it is felt that this reduction is very drastic it may be fixed at ½ a seer or 1.2 pounds per day to convicts and the rations allowed to detenues may be fixed at 1½ pavu per day as suggested by the Inspector-General of Prisons and the aggregate ration made up of rice or wheat or both ragi and jola or other millets such as Bajra(Sajje) since our rice position is bad and ragi position may not be as good as was expected. Even Bengal gram could be used to make up part of the diet aggregate. The reduction in quantities of butter and oil allowed in the case of detenues the Inspector-General's suggestions may be accepted.

We must push more jola and Bajra into the diet as we can have these in plenty and not Ragi or Rice. We are trying to popularise these and the same may be done in the Jail also.

Sd/- B.S.Raghavendra Rao,
Director of Civil Supplies.

Id/- B.S.R.

The D.C.S. has suggested that the scale of rations may be fixed at ½ a seer per day in the case of convicts and 1½ pavus per day in the case of detenues. He has also suggested that the aggregate ration may be made up of rice or wheat or both ragi and jola or other millets such as Bajra since our rice position is bad and ragi position may not be as good as was expected.

For orders whether the Residency may be informed accordingly or whether the I.G. of Prisons may be further consulted re: the suggestion of the Dr. of C.S.

Kind reference is also invited to paras 2 and 3 of the Govt. of India letter dated 31-8-43 regarding the scale of ration to be allowed to prisoners.

Further remarks of the I.G. of Prisons may be obtained U.O.lly.

Dev. Secy). M.S.S. 11/3-

Yes. Meanwhile, send the draft reply put up to the Residency.

C.S. 13/3.

No.SD.6123 dated 13-3-1944, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, issues an ad interim reply.

Forwarded unofficially, with compliments, to the Inspector-General of Prisons for favour of remarks regarding the suggestion of the Director of Civil Supplies vide his U.O.Note dated 8-3-44.

By Order,

Sd/- M.S. Swaminathan,
For Secretary to Government,
Dev. Deptt.

14-3-1944.

U.O.No.913-12 dated 22-3-1944.

Returned with compliments.

I am of opinion that the suggestion made by the Director of Civil Supplies may be given effect to on a temporary measure, till conditions improve or till any adverse reaction sets in. In this connection I wish to say that while an ordinary citizen (though rationed in respect of food grains) has chances of supplementing his regular diet by having access to other articles of food stuffs, a prisoner in a jail has no such opportunities.

Sd/- Montiero,
I.G. of Prisons.

22-3-1944.

For orders if the Director's proposal to reduce the rations in the case of convicts and detenues to ¾ seer and 1¾ pavu respectively may be agreed to. The issue of mixed rations as suggested is also a point for consideration.

Id/- T.S. 23-3-44.

May be approved as a temporary measure. In issuing mixed rations care will have to be taken that the substitution is gradual and will not adversely affect the health of the convicts.

Dev. Secy.) Id/- M.S.S. 23/3

The proposal of the D.C.S. agreed to by the I.G. Prisons may be approved as a temporary measure.

Id/- C.N. 25/3

Id/- C.N. 28/3

Min. R.& L. & Min. I.& S. through Law Sec.) Id/-K.A. 29/3

Id/- M.A.S. 31/3

Id/- C.N. 3/4

Dewan) Id/- C.N. 6/4

Id/- M.S.S.

Id/- N.M. 7/4/44

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Reduced scale of rations for prisoners

27) Sub The file will now be passed on to the Protection Branch for issue of orders

28) Asstt Secy (Mysore) 8/4/44

29) Draft G.O is submitted for approval

30) Law Secy DNS 12.4.44

31) Chief 12-4-44

32) Issue. DNS 12.6.44

Issued G.O No. P 6276 dated 15-4-44

33) The file may be sent to the Chief Supplies Secretary for communicating to the Residency the action taken in the matter, as requested by them in their letter dated 7-4-44.

Asst Secy Supplies Dept DNS 18.6.44

Sub with a draft letter to the Secy to the Hon'ble the Chief Minister forwarding a copy of the above G.O.

Msd 19/4

No. S.D 7097/C75-43-9, dated 19.4.44
To the Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
Forwards a copy of the G.O dated 15-4-44, ordering the reduction of the scale of Dietary of prisoners in the State as a temporary measure.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue..... 15-4-44

Signed by..... By K.P.P

Read:-

Correspondence ending with letter No.913-3 dated 17th November 1943 from the Inspector-General of Prisons submitting in the circumstances explained ~~the following~~ certain proposals, for the reduction of the scale of dietary of prisoners and under-trial prisoners as a temporary measure.

2) Unofficial note No.C.2.P.R.315/43-44 dated 10th March 1944 from the Director of Civil Supplies stating that the quantity of rice allowed to convicts may be fixed at ½ Seer, the other items remaining as suggested by the Inspector-General of Prisons.

3) Unofficial note no.913-12 dated 22nd March 1944 from the Inspector-General of Prisons agreeing to the suggestions of the Director of Civil Supplies.

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P.T.O.

ORDER NO.P.6296-05/~~XXXx~~ Pris. 57-43-2 DATED BANGALORE 15 APRIL 1944.

In view of shortage of rice in the country and the consequent Scheme of rationing in force, the I.G. of Prisons has made the following proposals.

1. The practice of issuing full rice, viz 24 ounces of rice for short periods to such of the convicts or under-trial prisoners as may occasionally have to be given rice on other than medical grounds provided for in Sub-Rule 4 of Rule 326 of the Jail Manual and note 4 of Rule 97 of the Lock-up Manual, may be discontinued. Such prisoners may be given the usual diet prescribed for labouring or non-labouring prisoners as the case may be.

2. The extra meal given in the mornings to the prisoners of the Central Jail, Bangalore, as per G.O.No.P.1678/Pris.2-43-1 dated 25th July 1942 may be discontinued; and

3. The quantity of rice, butter and gingely oil allowed daily under Rule 4 of the Security Prisoners Condition Order, 1943 allowed to the Security prisoners (detenus) may be reduced as noted below:-

1. Rice ~~to 1½ pavu seer~~
2. Butter to 2 ounces; and
3. Gingelly oil to ~~nil~~ ounce.

The Director of Civil Supplies suggests ~~however~~ that ~~if the reduction proposed by the Inspector-General of Prisons is unastir,~~ the quantity of rice allowed to the convicts may be fixed at ½ seer per day, the other items of reduction proposed by the I.G. remaining unaltered.

Government are pleased to approve of the proposals of the Inspector-General of Prisons with the modification suggested ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ as ~~agreed to~~ by the Director of Civil Supplies as a temporary measure.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Law Department.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts,
The Comptroller to Government, Bangalore,
The Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore,

Copy to the Supplies Secretariat.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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read.-

* Correspondence ending with letter no.P13-3 dated 17th November 1943 from the Inspector-General of Prisons, Mysore, in the circumstances explained certain proposals for the reduction of the scale of dietary of prisoners and other trial prisoners as a temporary measure.

2. Unofficial note no.C.S.P.R.115/43-14 dated 10th March 1944 from the Director of Civil Supplies, stating that the quantity of rice allowed to convicts may be fixed at 1/2 seer, the other items remaining as suggested by the Inspector-General of Prisons.

3. Unofficial note no.P13-12 dated nineteen 1944 from the Inspector-General of Prisons agreeing to the suggestions of the Director of Civil Supplies.

Order no. P.6296-08 Jail. 51-43-2

Dated, Bangalore, 15th April 1944.

In view of scarcity of rice in the country and the consequent scheme of rationing in force, the Inspector-General of Prisons has made the following suggestions:-

1. The practice of issuing full rice, viz., 24 ounces of rice for short periods to such of the convicts or under trial prisoners as may occasionally have to be given it on their own medical grounds provided for in sub-rule 4 thereof of rule 370 of the Jail Manual and note 4 of rule 97 of the Prison Manual, may be discontinued. Such prisoners may be given the usual diet prescribed for labouring or non-labouring prisoners as the case may be.

2. The system now in force in the sending, to the prisoners of the Central Jails, Bangalore, etc., as per Government Order no. P. 1676/Pris. 2-43-1 dated 28th July 1942 may be discontinued; and

3. The quantity of rice, butter and gingely oil allowed daily under rule 4 of the security, civil and revolution order, 1943 allowed to the security prisoners (contains) may be reduced as noted below:-

1. Rice to 1 1/2 seer.
2. Butter to 4 ounces; and
3. Gingely oil to one ounce.

The Director of Civil Supplies has suggested that the quantity of rice allowed to the convicts may be fixed at 1/2 seer per day, the other items of reduction proposed by the Inspector-General of Prisons remaining unaltered.

Government are pleased to accept the proposals of the Inspector-General of Prisons with the modification suggested by the Director of Civil Supplies, as a temporary measure.

By Order,

Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

To- The Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.
" Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
" Comptroller to Government, Bangalore.
" Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

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